Challenge Grant and Major Gift from Boswell and Booth Foundations

The CALF board of directors, currently in the early phases of a major endowment campaign, has announced a challenge grant from the Boswell Foundation, matching dollar for dollar all funds raised up to $1 million by Dec. 31, 2013. The Boswell Foundation's commitment follows the largest single endowment contribution to Ag Leadership, a $5 million gift from the Otis Booth Foundation. More details about the challenge grant and how individuals can participate will be sent out soon.

News release

New Fellows and Award Recipients Recognized

Oct. 18 was a special evening at Fresno State, where more than 160 alumni, fellows, family members, friends and staff gathered to welcome the new Class 43 fellows and honor the 2012 leadership award recipients. We are proud to celebrate these remarkable leaders!

Honorary Fellow Award:
Karen Ross, secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture
Neal Van Alfen, professor and former dean, UC Davis

Profiles in Leadership Award:
Mary-Ann Warmerdam (17)
Ben Carter (24)
Ag Leaders TV Added to CALF Website

New video testimonials – produced by TMD Creative of Salinas – have been posted on our website. They feature alumni Bill Jones (6), George Radanovich (21), Nomie Kautz (30), Deanna van Klaveren (32) and Mica Heilmann (40) speaking about the Ag Leadership Program. Another video features D.C. Exchange fellows talking about that program.

Watch videos

Class 31's Central Coast Field Trip

Several Class 31 fellows and spouses, along with Dr. Bob Flores and Dr. Joe Sabol of Cal Poly SLO, traveled to Salinas, Castroville and Watsonville on Sept. 24 for an educational field trip. Each year class members organize a day of professional development and continuing education, and this year participants visited Ocean Mist Farms, California Giant Berry Farms and the CALF office. See photos on our Facebook page.

CALF's New Family Brochure

CALF now has an informational brochure for spouses and life partners who are new to the Ag Leadership Program. Thank you to the alumni who provided photos of their families (Karen and Scott Stone/Class 28; Hilliary and Charley Mathews/26; Johnine and Brian Talley/30; and Beth and Dennis Albani/32) and the spouses who provided tips.

Brochure

Tee It Up At 23rd Annual Dean Brown Golf Tournament

A great day of golf and camaraderie! Sign up for the Dean Brown Golf Tournament and Auction on Nov. 5 at the Santa Maria Country Club. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Dean Brown Leadership Foundation to facilitate Dean's vision for California agriculture by supporting programs such as Ag Leadership.
Questions: Lon Fletcher, 805-934-7025.

- Event details
- Sponsorship form

Horizons: Got News?

We’re looking for updates for the alumni and fellows news section of Horizons magazine. News can be a professional achievement, leadership/volunteer position, appointment, award, new job, etc. Please send an email with your news to Meredith at mritchie@agleaders.org.

>> Horizons online: PDF flipbooks for the past three issues are now available online. Click here

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Workshops

In November, CDFA will be conducting free workshops and webinars on the 2013 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program competitive solicitation process. For the schedule, click here.

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Thank You Major Leadership Stakeholders

- Wells Fargo: $30,000
- Boswell Family Foundation: $25,000
- Stephen Brown: $2,000
- King & Gardiner Farms, LLC: $1,000
- Ralph Myers: $1,000
- Producers Dairy: $1,000
- Talley Farms: $1,000
- U.S. Irrigation: $1,000
- Stuart Woolf: $1,000
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Events Calendar Online**
Click [here](#) to view our events calendar.

**Dean Brown Golf Tournament and Auction**
Nov. 5, Santa Maria

**Second Annual Jim Manassero Memorial Luncheon**
Nov. 16, Salinas

**Agricultural and Government Leaders Reception**
Jan. 30, Sacramento

**IN THE NEWS**

John Diener (20), Keith Gardiner (24) and Holly King (24), New York Times, “Everyone Eats There” – [Read](#)

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Dan Errotabere (21), Fresno Bee, “Valley farmers examine climate change issues” – [Read](#)
Neil Roberts (23), The Tribune, “SLO County grapes are looking great” – Read

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Mark Sorensen (23) – Elected/Fresno County Farm Bureau – Read

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